



## Newsletter - June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in the home straight, heading to the end of the school year. It always amazes me how quickly the time passes and before long our 3-5s children will be settling in their new 'Big Schools' and we will be welcoming 60 new families to Dorking Nursery.

As has been advertised in previous letters, the **last full day at nursery (normal hours) is Tuesday 15th July**. Wednesday 16th July is a **Stay and Play** fun day where we invite you to join your child for a shorter session. Emails were sent last week to everyone with specific details and the timings for you to come with your child on this day. Families will have been invited either to come with their child for the 10am - 11.30am session or the 12.30pm - 2pm session.

If you ordered a 'Leavers T-shirt', they will be sent home soon with your child to wear on the 16th July if you wish to.

**Parking** - thank you to those who have been making an effort and respecting our car park, ensuring spaces are available for those with a permit or blue badge.

**Black gate** - thank you also to those who have been closing the black gate at the bottom of the drive. It really does help to keep everyone safe.

**Termly donation** - you may have seen a £10 termly donation on your School Money account. This is a voluntary contribution to enable us to provide enhancements to our curriculum. This includes all breakfasts and snacks, Woodland and Forest School snacks, resources to make playdough and other sensory activities and much more. If you are able to make this donation, we are really grateful.

**Fees for lunches and extended/additional sessions** - please ensure accounts and payments are up to date in advance of the end of term, ideally by Friday 11th July so that we can reconcile our accounts before we break up. As per the terms and conditions, we ask for payment in advance of any sessions taken as we have to ensure the appropriate staffing is in place and order meals in advance.

**For families returning to us in September** - you will have had an email detailing your home visit, name of new key person and start date and time in September.

If you are **eligible for the Working Entitlement**, please ensure your code is renewed as soon as possible and let us know. If it is not renewed by the end of August, we may not be able to claim the funding which will impact on the sessions your child can attend.

**For families leaving us in July** - over the coming weeks we will be working with your child's new school to support a smooth transition. Leavers Reports will be sent home at the end of term for those children who were with us prior to this term and you will be emailed details of how to download your child's Tapestry Journal. We will also be collecting Book Bags in from Friday 11th July, in the 3-5s class, library books to be returned on this date.

For families of children going to Mainstream Schools, Jennifer, our Family Support Worker, will be holding a Transition Meeting to help you prepare your child for 'Big School'. This will take place on Friday 4th July at either 9.15am or 2pm.

**Term dates** - Please note the holiday closures at the end of the term and Surrey term dates, to access these on Surrey County Council website - [click here](#).

**Your key person** - If at any time you need to talk to your child's key person, or a member of staff, do let us know. However, please note, your child's key person may not be able to talk to you at drop off and pick up, as they are in ratios and with the children, but we can make arrangements for a mutually convenient time. Alternatively, email the office

admin@dorking.surrey.sch.uk or call us on 01306 882397 and leave a message for the member of staff.

**Collection at the end of the session** - please note that staff will not send children to their parents at home time if they are on their mobile phones, either talking or scrolling on the screen. If that is the case, you will be asked to put your telephone away prior to your child being sent to you. There are also a considerable amount of parents who are late to collect their child, again this tends to happen more in the afternoon session. The local primary schools all finish earlier than our 3.30pm finish to enable parents to make two pick ups, please ensure you are arriving on time to collect your child.

**Tapestry** - If you have not done so already, do check your Tapestry account regularly. This is a great way to see what your child is interested in at nursery and to spark up a conversation with them about their learning.

It is wonderful to know that parents have seen the posts, so please do this by either commenting on the post or 'liking' it with the 'thumbs up'. Please feel free to add photos from home too! We love to see them. Your next update should be posted by the end of the month!

**Parent feedback** - I will shortly be sending out an online feedback form to gather your views about a variety of aspects of Dorking Nursery life. I would really appreciate you taking a few moments to do this as it really helps us to make improvements for future generations of Dorking Nursery School families.





### **Dad's and Grandad's Week - Thank you!**

Thank you to all the Dad's and Grandad's who gave up their time and came into Nursery during 'Dad's and Grandad's Week'. The children loved having their male role models in the nursery to show them what they have been doing.



### **Sun Safety**

Please familiarise yourself with our sun safety policy and 'do's' and 'don't's':-

- Apply suncream prior to attending nursery

- If your child attends all day or does extended days, send a bottle of suncream into nursery that can be left onsite.
- Children must wear hats outside, please ensure this is named if you provide one for your child.
- No sunglasses, except prescription sunglasses.
- Shoes/footwear must be suitable for climbing and running. Sandals, open toes, sling backs, straps, crocs are not permitted. Trainers are ideal.
- Tops must cover shoulders - strappy spaghetti straps do not provide suitable protection.







### **Hello Dorking Litter Pick!**

We continue to be supporting our local community! Last week we were joined by a team of volunteers from Hello Dorking to tidy our school grounds. Thank you to Jo and Rosie from the Hello Dorking team for helping us and to the staff and children who did a fabulous job.

### **Eco Schools Merit Award**

Well done to Lisa, Nicky and Sarah for leading our Eco team who have enabled us to be awarded the Merit level of Eco Schools. This has been done through their hard work helping our school to be sustainable, as well as all the work your children have done to litter and leaf pick too!



## FOND Update

Thanks to Amy and our Charity, FOND for contiuing to raise funds to help our Nursery School. The Spring Raffle raised much needed funds to help renovate our Shed in the Forest School. Chris, our amazing school handyman has been busy and done a wonderful job making our Shed fit for many years to come! Just look at the before and after pictures above!

The Sponsored Event in May also raised £1,210! This is the highest we have ever raised with this event and could not have done this without your help and support. This money is going towards improving the facilities in our Soft Play area. We are hoping this will be completed over the summer holidays - watch this space.

This year, FOND have been able to support the school and your children by:-

- Purchasing all the children their Christmas Book gift
- Supporting the children's festive parties and funding the Magician in the 3-5s
- Purchasing much needed sandpit covers for the 2-3s and SEND classes so that this vital resource is protected overnight and then provides quality for the children each day in their learning
- Funding renovation of the pond area at Woodland for all children to continue to enjoy as part of their adventures
- Winning a grant from a local business to support the costs of a new shed storage for outdoor resources.
- Wood to fix the shed in Forest School.
- Purchase Oral Hygiene packs for every child in the school.
- Use money raised from the Sponsored Obstacles Event to improve the Soft Play area.



## Key dates

- Friday 4th July - 9.15am or 2pm - Transition Meeting for those leaving for mainstream primary schools
- Tuesday 15th July - last day of normal sessions at Dorking Nursery School
- Wednesday 16th July - last day of nursery, Stay and Play sessions

More dates and news can be found on our [website](#) or on our [Facebook Page](#) or Instagram @dorkingnurseryschool

We follow Surrey County Council term dates, to view these please visit the [Surrey Website](#).

**Last day of term in summer 2025:-**

- Wednesday 16th July 2025

**Final note**

Finally, thank you for all your continued support! If you have any comments, questions or queries, please contact the office. Don't forget to follow us on social media - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - you can search for us @dorkingnurseryschool.

Regards

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**Building trust, empowering communities, educating all**

